



Catholic Charities Legal Network *Newsletter* Summer 2026

74th Annual Red Mass



The 74th Annual DC Red Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on October 4th at 9:00 AM. It will be immediately followed by brunch at the Capital Hilton hotel, where the exceptional contributions of

volunteer firms and attorneys will be recognized. Additional information will be posted on the [John Carroll Society's Website](#).



CCLN Honors

The following CCLN volunteers will be honored at this year's Red Mass Brunch:

Paul Edward Gleason, Esq., (above, second from left), a devoted volunteer attorney who was advisor to the program director on complex family law cases and an advocate for our clients.

Mrs. Carroll Dinan (posthumously, not pictured), a longtime volunteer and former educator at the Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

Andrew N. Cook, Esq., chairperson of the Catholic Charities Legal Network's Advisory Council from 2023 to present, and a stellar member of

the Advisory Council since 2019.

Steptoe, LLP, a firm devoted to the CCLN since its inception in 1989. Its attorneys have served on the Legal Network's Advisory Council, contributed thousands of hours to telephone intake, and been generous financial supporters.



Protecting the Unrepresented: How Legal Advocacy Saved a Veteran's Home

After years of service to his country as a Marine, a 75-year-old veteran—an amputee who has lost sight in one eye—found himself facing eviction from his assisted living facility.

He had done nothing wrong. But someone he trusted had.

He had given a family member power of attorney over his government benefits, but that individual failed to use those funds to pay for his care. By the time he turned to **Catholic Charities Legal Network** for help, he owed \$12,000 to his living facility, did not have access to his own benefits, and was facing an eviction notice from the place he called home.

Staff Attorney **Alberto Ruisanchez** (pictured) acted quickly. He first revoked the power of attorney, restoring the veteran's control over his finances. He then worked with the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the veteran's benefits were redirected to him.

Attorney Ruisanchez next negotiated with the assisted living facility to halt the eviction and establish a payment plan that would enable the veteran to remain in his home. The facility also agreed to forgive a portion of his debt and waive all late fees and penalties.

Catholic Charities' **St. Leo Project** provided the veteran with additional support. This emergency fund, which assists low-income individuals facing financial hardship, contributed \$3,500 to the veteran's facility to help prevent the eviction.

"Catholic Charities Legal Network was honored to help this veteran," said James Bishop, Director of the Legal Network. "This is a man who served his country, lost a limb, and suffered partial blindness. He should never have had to fight to keep a roof over his head, but Catholic Charities Legal Network was proud to stand with him and protect his rights."

If you would like to support our efforts to protect seniors, veterans, and low-income residents in Washington, DC, and the surrounding

The poster features a light blue background with a golf ball on a tee and a golf club head in the foreground. The text is centered and reads: "23RD ANNUAL Catholic Charities Legal Network Golf Tournament". The date "Monday, September 28, 2026" and location "Bretton Woods, 15700 River Road, Germantown, MD 20874" are listed below. A green banner at the bottom contains the text "Support the pro bono legal services the Catholic Charities Legal Network provides." The Catholic Charities Legal Network logo is in the top right corner.

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We thank our members of the Golf Tournament Committee:

- Denis C. Mitchell, Partner at Stein Mitchell Beato & Missner LLP
- Robert Shaffer, Partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP

- Kristine Dunne-Maher, former General Counsel at Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School
 - Andrew N. Cook, Partner at K&L Gates
 - Kevin Daly, Director of Leadership & Annual Giving at CCLN
 - Thomas J. Kelly, Jr., Senior Counsel at Faegre Drinker
 - John E. McCarthy Jr., Partner at Crowell & Moring LLP
 - Miguel Eaton, Partner and Practice Leader at Jones Day
 - Daniel P. Archuleta, Partner at Troutman Pepper
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Jim Bishop would like to thank the Miller & Chevalier Foundation for enabling him to attend the 2026 Equal Justice Conference.

Will you Volunteer?

We are actively seeking volunteers to represent low-income clients in DC and Maryland. If you are an attorney who wishes to volunteer, click the Volunteer Today button.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

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Thank you, as always, for your support for our organization. Your generous support helps us to assist those in need of legal representation in the Washington, DC, area.

Volunteer Attorneys, Submit Your Volunteer Hours!

To improve our services, we need you to submit your hours for fiscal year 2026. Click the button below and fill out the form by Saturday, August 1, 2026.

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